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Letter dated 17 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, to enclose herewith the statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, adopted at an extraordinary meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement, held on 13 October 2006 (see annex).

I have the further honour to request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 90, and of the Security Council.

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Statement by the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1. The Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries expresses its concern while recognizing the complexities arising from the nuclear test in the Korean peninsula which underlined the need to work even harder to achieve the Movement's disarmament objectives, including elimination of nuclear weapons. The Movement calls upon the parties concerned in the region to exercise restraint, which contributes to regional security, to discontinue nuclear tests and not to transfer nuclear weapons-related materials, equipment and technology.

2. The Movement expresses its desire for the realization of the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and continues to support the resumption of the six-party talks at the soonest possible time. The Movement strongly believes that diplomacy and dialogue through peaceful means must continue to find a long-term solution to the Korean nuclear issue.

3. In the light of this action, the Movement reaffirms its principled positions on nuclear disarmament, which remains its highest priority, and on the related issue of nuclear non-proliferation in all its aspects and stresses the importance that efforts aimed at non-proliferation should be parallel to simultaneous efforts aimed at nuclear disarmament. It stresses its concern over the threat to humanity posed by the continued existence of nuclear weapons and of their possible use or threat of use. It reiterates deep concern over the slow pace of progress towards nuclear disarmament and the lack of progress by the nuclear-weapons States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals. It underscores the need for the nuclear-weapons States to implement the unequivocal undertaking that they addressed in 2000 so as to accomplish the total elimination of nuclear weapons and emphasizes, in this regard, the urgent need to commence negotiations without delay.

4. The Movement stresses its principles and priorities on disarmament and international security, as adopted at the XIV Summit Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement held in Havana, from 11 to 16 September 2006.